(b) if so, comprehensive details of the scheme;

(c) whether any programme has been started by Government for development of slums under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the details of amount allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Sector scheme 'Urban Statistics for HR (Human Resources) and Assessments' (USHA) is under implementation by National Building Organisation (NBO) under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. The scheme aims at the development and maintenance of national database, (Management Information System (MIS) and knowledge repository relating to urban poverty, slums, housing, construction and other urbanization-related statistics. The components of the Scheme are Database including MIS and Sample Surveys, Action Research, Impact Assessment and Capacity Building/Training. No programme has been started by the Government for development of slums under the said scheme and as such no State-wise allocation was made under the scheme.

Scientific disposal of garbage by local bodies

865. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has advised the local bodies like Municipalities and Corporations to follow the example of Greater Mumbai Municipal Corporation, who have earned Rs. 26 crores for the scientific closure of a garbage dumping ground; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has customized guidelines for Municipalities/ Corporations, that apart from this cash-from-trash bargain in transformation, such exercises will also result in creating beautiful landscaped hills from the existing stinking mountains of garbage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) and (b) Municipal Solid Waste Management/Sanitation is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Governments/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to plan, design and execute projects for Municipal Solid Waste Management and operate and maintain them.

The urban local bodies are required to follow the guidelines of Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 notified by Ministry of Environment and Forests for setting up, managing and closure of landfills.

Ministry of Urban Development has drawn attention of Municipalities and State Governments towards improving sustainability of Municipal Solid Waste Management and the need for scientific closure of landfill sites. It has also been promoting sharing of best practices in the sector through advisories, workshops and training programmes.

MMTS in Andhra Pradesh

866. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: